Governments. Khurda-Daspalla-Boudh-Bolangir section of State Highways Nos. 1 & 14 was never proposed to be a super highways. However as per information obtained from Govt. of Orissa, improvement of this road by widening, strengthening and maintenance was proposed to be a part of Orissa State Road Project with World Bank assistance. There has been no commitment from the World Bank for funding of this project.

(c) The Government of Orissa has now informed us that they have decided to take up the project under Central Road Fund and Western Orissa Development Council with equal shares.

Cellular Mobile Service of BSNL

*172. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all formalities for procurement and setting-up of the Cellular Mobile services by BSNL as the licensed third operator was completed by August, September, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the purchase orders should have been issued by now;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay and by when the same would be issued;

(d) whether the delay suffered so far is a result of any extraneous pressure, possibly from the entities who would be benefited from such a dealy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The finalisation of BSNL tender for setting up the Cellular Mobile service is under process.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Pending projects

†*173. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got completed a number of projects out of those which were under implementation during March, 1998;

(b) if so, the number of projects which have been completed during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the number of projects not completed by March, 2001; and

(d) the number of new projects undertaken during the above period alongwith the Ministries to which these projects belong to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) As in March, 1998, 461 projects, each costing Rs. 20 crores and above, were on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Out of this number, 63 projects were completed during 1998-99; 78 projects were completed during 1999-2000; and 65 projects were completed during 2000-2001.

(c) and (d) As in March, 2001, 466 projects were under implementation. Of these, 150 projects were put on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during the past three years including 57 projects in 1998-1999, 46 projects in 1999-2000 and 47 projects in 2000-2001. The details of the number of new projects taken on the monitor along with the names of the Ministries to which these projects belong are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Number of New Projects Undertaken

(As on 01.10.2001)

Sector	Number of Projects During		
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1. Atomic Energy	7	-	1
2. Civil Aviation	2	2	1
3. Coal	5	7	10
4. Fertilisers	-	2	1
5. Steel	-	1	-
6. Petroleum	11	13	13
7. Power	4	7	10
8. Railways	15	7	4
9. Surface Transport	11	5	4
10. Urban Development	2	-	10
11. Telecommunication	-	2	3
TOTAL:	57	46	47